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Port Almanac—Dec. 29.

Sun Rises	7.10 A M
Sun Sets	4.54 P M
Day's Length	9 h 44 m
High Water at Southport	11.49 P M
High Water at Wilmington	1.39 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 29.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 39°; 8 p. m., 41°; maximum, 50°; minimum, 30°; mean, 40°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 4.87.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The light low area that threatened this section this morning has dissipated under the development of the high area which now covers all Eastern and Southern States, with highest over Virginia and the western Tennessee valley. The barometer is lowest over the far Northwest. Fair weather prevails generally to-night over all sections, except cloudiness over the Northwest, the Ohio valley and Florida, with light rain reported from Florida and light snow from the Ohio valley and Minnesota during the day. Temperatures have risen decidedly during the day over the West.

Local forecast to 12 o'clock mid-night of Wednesday—Generally fair, warmer weather; variable winds.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., 5.5 feet.

OUTLINES.

The British government is pushing the work of modernizing the fortifications at Gibraltar; no less than 5,000 workmen are employed. —— A British fleet of over twenty warships has arrived at Port Hamilton, China; and a report is current that a Japanese fleet has also arrived there. —— Fitzsimmons' manager says the champion will fight Corbett and McCoy when they have established their right to challenge him. —— Two buildings burned in Detroit; total loss $195 000. —— The British Hosiery Co., Thornton, R. I., is making preparations to remove part of its business to Nashville, Tenn., where colored factory hands will be employed. —— Eighty per cent. of the edge tool manufacturers in the United States have combined to establish a plant to be known as the American Axe and Tool Company. —— A dispatch from Pekin says the German question is unsettled; China is alarmed, but the government appears to be utterly powerless. —— Six lives were lost on the ship Vanloo, voyaging from Cardiff to St. John, N. B., by a falling yard. —— The long distance telephone, it is said, is cutting into the railway passenger business out West. —— The Supreme Court of California has denied the application of the condemned murderer Durrant. —— Recent arrivals from the Klondike say there is no starvation at Dawson City, and the government relief expedition is unnecessary. —— Jack Daly and Jack Everhardt fought ten rounds at New Orleans; the referee declared the fight a draw. —— The New York Dry Goods Record estimates the cotton crop at 10 257,000 bales. —— A negro who murdered two white men Christmas day at Glendora, Miss., was captured and lynched yesterday. —— Secretary Gage denies that he has tendered his resignation to President McKinley. —— The pilot boat Somers N Smith has been seized by the United States authorities at Pensacola, Fla. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 3½@4½ per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 3½@3 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 5 15 16c; flour was steady; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red $1 03½; corn—spot firm; No. 2 35⅝c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady a 33½@34½c.

An 83 year old man in Kentucky recently committed suicide. This was after the distilleries had combined to restrict the output of "sperits."

Hon. Chauncey Depew says oratory has had its day because the press has knocked the orator out. But it is still true that the press makes lots of "orators."

They may or may not sometime complete the Panama canal, but it doesn't seem that in France they will ever wind up the scandal about its management. Two more statesmen have just been arrested for complicity in the stealings.

David Probasco, a citizen of Cincinnati, who retired from business thirty years ago, and has been leading a life of elegant leisure ever since, surprised the town the other day by making an assignment, with $100,000 liabilities and $200,000 assets. As he is 77 years old perhaps he feels the need of assistance in winding up his estate.

Missouri produces some curiosities She is the abiding place of the young lady who refused an introduction to the Prince of Wales, and of the man who has imbibed so much spring water that he is turning to a stone statue, is the producer of the 19 hand 2½ inch mule shipped to England and now trots out a citizen named Spainhowler.

Mrs. Knud Knudsen, who lives in Norway, never saw this country, but she likes it. Her husband came over during the war, and, work being scarce, hired out as a soldier to save the Union. He is dead, but the pension attorneys have just succeeded in pushing a claim through by which Mrs. Knudsen got $4,000 back dues and goes on the roll for life.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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We are under obligations to Mr. Alfred B. Shepperson, of New York, for a copy of "Cotton Facts," an exceedingly interesting and valuable publication for those interested in cotton production and in the cotton movement. It contains a vast amount of information, compactly and conveniently arranged for reference, and covers about all that the person interested in cotton would care to know, and is rightly regarded as a reliable authority on this question.

Dr. Schlatter, of Zurish, Switzerland, has recently performed a marvellous piece of surgery by entirely removing the stomach of a woman 56 years of age. The removal of the stomach isn't so remarkable as that the woman is alive and at work several weeks after the operation and seems to be getting along quite well, minus that organ which was supposed to be a vital one.

A lucky Kentucky editor had wild goose for his Christmas dinner, and he didn't have to go out and hunt it either. It flew down his chimney. But it isn't every editor who is fortunate enough to have a chimney, nor every one that has lucky enough to have geese come along at the right time and drop into 'em.

The heirs of the late Dr. Evans, the Paris dentist, who accumulated about $8,000,000 by having the pull on the royalty, etc., over on the other side, are not satisfied with the will he made and would like to have a pull at the millions he set aside for other purposes.

A Swiss doctor contends that the stomach is not a vital organ and that people could get along very well without it. We don't know about that, but we are sure that there are people who would be fortunate if they didn't have any.

Senator Hanna doesn't think it would comport with his dignity to talk on his prospects at this time. Perhaps he don't know just what it will be safe to say.

It takes some money to run the Santa Claus business in this country, estimated at $120,000,000 a year.

A milk Trust being incubated in New York. Chalk it down for watered stock.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DIVIDEND NOTICE—Wil. Cotton Mills.
OPERA HOUSE—"London Assurance."

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

ATLANTIC TEA CO—At cost.
PROF. O. C. COGAN—Wire walker.

A "Singin Skule" to Open.

The Gymnasium Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association is making arrangements for a grand entertainment next week—"Jedediah Bobbin's Singin Skule," a remarkable funny arrangement, in which local talent will take part, led by Messrs. Bertram and Willard of New York. These gentlemen will arrive this morning and will begin at once to complete their arrangements for the "Skule."

The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to adding new apparatus to the gymnasium.

To Our Advertisers.

The STAR is in a state of transition from old to new type this week, and expects to appear in its new dress Saturday morning. As a vast amount of work is involved in the change, and we are handicapped by sickness in the office, advertisers will confer a favor by handing in their new ads. to-day. For this week it will be necessary for those who have been changing their advertisements for Sunday's issue to make the change in Saturday's issue. After this week they may select any day they prefer.

Endowment Rank K. of P.

The annual meeting of the Endowment Rank Knights of Pythias was held yesterday and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—H. O. Craig.
Vice President—R. C. DeRosset.
Secretary and Treasurer—Jas. D. Nutt.

There are 112 members of the Endowment Rank in the city of Wilmington representing an endowment of $888,000; the death benefits paid out here in 1897 amount to $5,000. The rank is generally in a flourishing condition.

Turpentine Hands Moving.

The turpentine hands are beginning to move down South now. Twelve or fifteen left on the South-bound W., C. & A. train yesterday afternoon. These arrived in the city Monday night from points along the W. & W. There will be many others to go in the next few weeks: some for the first time and others returning after the holidays.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The receipts of cottton at this port yesterday were 2,518 bales, against bales same day last year.

— Superintendent of Streets L. H. Bryant is temporarily patching up Princess street between Front and Second with ballast.

— The British steamship Morven arrived in port yesterday and took a berth at the Champion Compress.

— The Christmas german of L'Agile Cotillon Club takes place this evening at Germania Hall. Mr. Warren Johnson will lead.

— Rev. H. W. Lewis will conduct services to night at 7.30 o'clock at the Union Baptist church, corner Eighth and Dawson streets.

— The old custom in this city of "watching the old year out and the new one in" will be observed by a number of the churches next Friday night.

— Col. K. M. Murchison brought down on yesterday, while hunting on Orton plantation, a very large eagle. It measured seven feet from tip to tip.

— The condition of J. N. McDuffie, colored, who was dangerously stabbed with a knife Christmas afternoon, was much improved yesterday.

— The schooners Ira B. Ellems, from New York, and Fred. B. Belano, from St. John's, Porto Rico, arrived in port yesterday and are consigned to Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

— At the Masonic installation Monday, the 27th instant, in this city, there was a visitor present from Virginia who was made a Mason on St. John's day fifty-six years ago.

— The STAR has received from the Equitable Life Assurance Society, through Mr. Edwin P. Parker, Special Agent, one of the handsomest calendars of the season. It is a work of art.

— Mr. W. J. Sutton and Miss Emma Blue, of Bladen county, were married last Thursday. Everybody hereabouts knows "Bill" Sutton, and they all congratulate him on his good luck.

— Notice is given by Mr. Donald MacRae, treasurer, that a dividend of 3 per cent. has been declared on the preferred stock of the Wilmington Cotton Mills, and will be payable on January 1st, 1898.

— The Sunday school of the First Baptist church will give a Christmas entertainment to-night, and all parents and friends are invited to attend. The entertainment will take place in the Sunday school building.

— Mr. Robert L. Lorentz, advance agent of "The Merry Makers," paid the STAR office a visit yesterday. Mr. Lorentz has a force of men, clad in unique suits of white, around the city posting bills announcing that his company will appear at the Opera House next week.

— The case against Chief of Police Jno. R. Melton and policemen C. O. Knox, Rowan, Green and F. P. Toomer (colored), charged with committing an assault and battery upon the person of Deputy Sheriff Galon, colored, is set for trial in Justice McGowan's court at 11 o'clock this morning.

— Decorating display windows is all the go now. Mercer & Evans have had reproduced in colors on their window the engine boot and train of cars which appear on their stationery and wrapping paper. The effect is very good. The cut was first used by the firm of Evans & VonGlahn.

University Dramatic Club.

The University of North Carolina Dramatic Club will be the attraction at the Opera House on Friday night, December 31st, and no doubt the friends of the University and lovers of refined comedy will be out in full force The piece selected is an especially strong one—"London Assurance,"—and the criticisms on the work of the different performers convince us it is of high order. The piece was first presented this season at the University on December 23, and the boys were the recipients of many congratulations. Mr. G. S. Myers of this city, takes one of the female characters, and Mr. Arthur W. Belden, is stage manager. A german will be tendered the Chapel Hillians immediately after the performance. Sale of seats will commence at Gerken's tomorrow morning. Admission fifty cents. No extra charge for reserve seats.

Before Justice G. W. Bornemann.

'Squire G. W. Bornemann disposed of several cases yesterday.

D. D. George was before him charged with assault and battery on Zeke Stakeley, and also on Benj. Trask. In both cases the defendant submitted, and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Jude Hill also submitted to the charge of assault and battery, and, after paying the costs, he was let off without further punishment.

Monday Night at Rocky Point.

A gay party of young people went up to Rocky Point Monday night to participate in the Christmas festivities of that town. The town hall was thronged and there was dancing until a late hour. The Wilmington people who attended returned yesterday morning.

Changes in the Marine Hospital Service.

Dr. P. C. Wertenbaker, of Charleston, S. C., who relieves Dr. John Vansant in the United States Marine Hospital Service, arrived yesterday. His family are now at Charlottesville, Va., but will join him here in a short while.

Dr. Vansant, with his family, will leave to-day for Charleston. He has been in charge of the Marine Hospital for about four years.

"AGES OF TRANSITION."

Rabbi David Marx's Address at the Temple of Israel.

A good sized and appreciative audience greeted Rabbi David Marx, of Atlanta, Ga., at the Temple of Israel last night at 8 o'clock. He was introduced by Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, who said that it was a pleasure to introduce a speaker who was a minister in one of the largest churches of the "Chicago of the South," and that it was a double pleasure to introduce him when the charitable promptings which brought him hither were considered.

Dr. Marx is a speaker of unusual ability. He has a good delivery and a fine, clear voice. The entire discourse last night bore the stamp of scholarly study and investigation. His subject, as previously announced, was "Ages of Transition," and it was treated in a masterly way, the two eras which he compared being the Sixteenth century and the present one. The troublous times through which we are passing now, Dr. Marx does not construe as portents of disruption—they are merely the throes of a re-birth, and the coming era will be far nobler and grander and truer than our boasted Nineteenth century. Then the gifted speaker reviewed the different grounds upon which this hope in the future is based. He spoke nearly an hour and kept the audience hanging on his words from beginning to end.

The lecture was given under the auspices of the Sunday school and for the benefit of the Atlanta Orphan Home. It was preceded by a splendid vocal solo, "Consider the Lilies of the Field," rendered by Mrs. James Calder to organ accompaniment by Mr. Alf. Yopp.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—190 bales cotton, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—1,808 bales cotton, 27 casks spirits turpentine, 237 bbls rosin, 33 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—50 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 8 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—504 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 84 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—16 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 28 bbls rosin, 57 bbls tar, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

Schooner William—28 casks spirits turpentine, 175 bbls rosin, 2 bbls tar.

Schooner Joseph—20 bales cotton, 24 casks spirits turpentine, 130 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 2,518 bales, spirits turpentine, 109 casks; rosin, 555 bbls; tar, 117 bbls; crude turpentine, 7 bbls.

Juveniles Play Foot Ball.

The juvenile pig-skin chasers of this city were again in evidence on the gridiron yesterday, the Orioles No. 2, and Chesnut Streeters No. 2, elevens, being arrayed against each other to verify the improved saying, "to do or be done," but the contest resulted in a "stand off," as neither team was able to score, although Parsley, the left-half-back of the Orioles, would have made a touch-down if one of the youthful spectators hadn't become so excited as to display himself prominently on the gridiron, resulting in a contact with Parsley.

The following was the line up, vs.:

Orioles		Chesnut Streeters.
Branch	c	Gibbons
Storm	r g	Blomme
Wiggins	l g	Lodor
Peck	r f	Peschau
Mitchell	l t	Smith
Armstrong	r e	Galloway
Miller	l e	Davis, P.
Emerson	a b	Myers
Stevenson	r h b	Davis, L.
Parsley, C.	l h b	Green
Foster	f b	Carpenter, C.

Umpire, Jas. Jackson; referee, Ed. Wooten; lineman, Geo. Davis; time keeper, Jas. Post.

Matrimonial Events To-day.

Two matrimonial events will take place in this city to-day.

At high noon Dr. Robert DuVal Jones, of Newbern, and Miss Kate Waiting Walker, of this city, will be united in marriage at St. James Episcopal church. Mr. D. R. Davis, of Newbern, arrived in the city yesterday to attend the marriage.

This evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. S. P. Cowan and Miss Sadie Horton, both of this city, will form a union for life at the residence of the groom elect's sister, Mrs. Junius Davis, on Third street, between Ann and Nun.

Cape Fear Lodge Elects Officers.

Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., in regular meeting assembled last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing term, viz.:

Noble Grand—J. O. Powers.
Vice Grand—W. H. Badon.
Recording and Financial Secretary—Jas. T. Riley.
Treasurer—Wm. Goodman.

The above officers will be installed at the next regular meeting.

Magistrate's Court.

No cases were disposed of yesterday by either Justices McGowan, Fowler or Bunting, but in the latter magistrate's court the case against Mr. Zero Emett, charged with assaulting Dave Thompson, colored, with a knife, was set for trial Friday at noon, and the case against John Pearsall, colored, arrested Monday morning by Deputy Sheriff Ryan on the charge of stealing a bicycle from Messrs. J. M. Wright & Co., was set for trial for this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cent

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

L'ARIOSO GERMAN.

Christmas Dance Given by the Club Last Night—The Participants—Visiting Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Christmas festive dances were inaugurated last evening in brilliant style by that grand old german club, L'Arioso The dance was participated in not only by many of Wilmington's fairest daughter's and most gallant sons, but by many of grace and beauty of foreign climes; and gracefully and skillfully, too, did these ladies and gentlemen execute different pretty figures of the german, under the direction of Mr. Harry McIlhenny, assisted by Mr. W. M. Atkinson, and gaily dance the two-step, and enchantingly participate in the dreamy waltz. About midnight each of the lady attendants was presented with a handsome hat brush, sterling silver back, upon which the monogram of the club was artistically engraved, as a souvenir of the delightful occasion. Haywood's superb orchestra, of Raleigh, furnished the music.

Those who were there were as follows: Mr. W. M. Atkinson, Miss Armstrong; Mr. S. M. Boatwright, Miss Annie Lee; Mr. Richard Bradley, Miss Sue McQueen; Mr. E. K. Calder, Miss Busch; Mr. R. F. Crow, Miss Eliza Bellamy; Mr. Geo D Crow, Miss Dismukes; Mr. S. P. Collier, Jr., Miss Lola Martin, Dr. G. K Collier, Miss Nessie Cotchett; Mr. W. S. Johnson, Miss McCahill; Mr. E H. Munson, Miss Martha Williams; Mr. H. P. Munson, Miss McKenzie; Mr. R B. Mason, Miss Mary Calder; Mr. J. T. Munds, Miss Sallie Kenan; Mr. G. L. Peschau, Miss Carey Davis; Mr. J. M Stevenson, Miss Hattie Bellamy; Mr. E. P. Willard, Miss Mary West; Mr. Thos. W. Davis, Miss Myers; Mr. T. M. Turrentine, Miss Bessie Gibson; Mr. W. E. Young, Miss Mary J. Bellamy; Mr. W. J. Moore, Miss Lilla Young; Mr. Walter Daggett, Miss Julia Daggett; Mr. Chas. Elliott, Miss Bessie Henderson; Mr. P. J. Thomas, Miss Mary Lilly Kenan; Mr. M. G. Elliott, Miss Janie Strange; Mr. J. M. Fleming, Mrs. Harry Boatwright; Mr. Joe Norwood, Miss Rhea Daggett; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thorp; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Parker; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Jr.

The visiting ladies present were Miss Armstrong, Dallas, Texas; Miss Dismukes, St. Augustine, Fla; Miss McKenzie, Athens, Ga.; Mrs. Harry Boatwright, Portsmouth, Va.; Miss Myers, Washington; Miss Busch, Raleigh; Miss McCahill, Washington, D. C.; Miss Young, Winston; Miss Henderson, Salisbury.

The visiting gentlemen present were Mr. J. M. Fleming, Savannah, Ga.; Mr. Joe Norwood, Newberry, S. C.; Mr. W. E. Young, Winston; Mr. W. G. Moore, Fayetteville.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Miss Caroline Humphrey Struck and Killed by a Train on the Wilmington & Newbern Railroad.

Yesterday morning about 10 30 o'clock an out going train on the Wilmington & Newbern railroad ran over a maiden lady Miss Caroline Humphrey, four miles south of Scott's Hill, about eight miles from this city, killing her instantly.

It seems that Miss Humphrey was walking on the track and the engineer on the train seeing her, blew the whistle of the engine, supposing, of course, that she would hear the alarm and get out of danger; but Miss Humphrey being deaf did not hear the signal. The engineer seeing that the alarm given was not heeded, endeavored to stop the train, but it was then too late, and the train struck the unfortunate lady, killing her instantly.

The train was immediately brought to a stop and the remains were taken on board and carried to Scott's Hill, where they were turned over to relatives.

Miss Humphrey was about 45 years of age, and was a sister of Mrs. E. H. Batson, of this city.

Funeral of the Late Frank W. Bridgers.

The remains of the late Frank W. Bridgers, who died in San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 24, arrived yesterday morning at 9 o'clock in a special train over the Carolina Central railroad. They were accompanied by Mrs. M. E. Bridgers, Misses Emily and Mary Bridgers, Miss Whitaker and Mr. J. T. Barron, of Columbia, S. C., a first cousin of the deceased, who joined the party at Atlanta.

The funeral took place at 11 o'clock from St. James' Episcopal church, the rector, Rev. Robert Strange officiating. There was a large attendance of friends and acquaintances. A choir consisting of Miss Mattie Horne, Miss Ada Cooper, and Mr. A. S. Holden, with Mr. E. H. Munson as organist, rendered the hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "There is a Blessed Home." As the concluding verses of the latter hymn were being rendered the casket was borne to the hearse and the procession moved to Oakdale Cemetery, where under a profusion of beautiful flowers, the remains were laid to rest. The pall-bearers were Col. T. W. Strange, Messrs. George W. Kidder, Jos. H. Watters, R. N. Sweet, M. J. Corbett and Geo. Rountree.

Bornemann-Oldham.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place last night at 7 30 o'clock at the residence of Rev. W. B. Oliver, pastor of the First Baptist church, this city, the contracting parties being Miss Annie Celeste Bornemann and Mr. Thos. B. Oldham, two popular young people of this city. The marriage was celebrated before only relatives and intimate friends of the happy couple, Rev. W. B. Oliver officiating. Miss Nellie Calder was the maid of honor.

The bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. Emma McEachern, of this city, and the groom is the son of our esteemed townsman, Capt. W. P. Oldham, and junior member of the firm of W. P. Oldham & Co.

— Messrs. W. G. Holden and S. G. Bennett, of Iredell, were welcome callers at the STAR office yesterday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. J. A. Westbrook, of Mount Olive, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Jno. R. Morris, of Goldsboro, was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. W. G. Moore, of Fayetteville, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. E. V. Elwell, of this city, has returned from a trip to Norfolk.

— Mr. Oscar H. Wright, of Jacksonville, Fla., spent the holidays here.

— Mr. R. L. Williams, of Fayetteville, was observed on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. G. L. Edwards, of Supply, was a welcome visitor at this office yesterday.

— Mrs. A. J. Flanner, of Clinton, spent Christmas with Mr. W. H. Alderman's family.

— Mr. James H. Taylor is visiting relatives and friends in his former home, Fayetteville, N. C.

— Miss Lizzie Davis, of Morehead City, is visiting Miss Allie Morris, on Chesnut street.

— Mr. D. M. Flynn, formerly of Hallsboro, but now living in Florida, was here yesterday.

— Mr. A. F. Toon, a prominent citizen of Whiteville, is in the city, accompanied by his son.

— Mr. B. S. Shaw, registering from North Carolina, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. C. T. Peele, of Roxobel, who has been in the city visiting Mr. L. O. Smith, returned home yesterday.

— After spending Christmas with his parents and friends in the country, Mr. D. O. Westbrook has returned to the city.

— Mr. T. V. Gibson, a prominent cotton mill man of McColl's, S. C., was here yesterday. He is the treasurer of the McColl Manufacturing Company.

— Mr. B. W. Butters and wife, of Florence, S. C., returned home yesterday afternoon, after spending the holidays with Miss Annie Clowe, No. 420 North Third street.

— Mr. A. S. Kirby, formerly of Supply, but now of Southport, was a caller at this office yesterday. He brings the encouraging news that the Populists in Brunswick are coming back to the Democratic party.

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

School Superintendents' Association—The Railway Commission Cases—Agricultural Board—Mewborne's Inspection of Penitentiary Farms.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 28.

The Association of the Superintendents of the City Graded Schools in the State meets to-day at Greensboro. Prof. Logan D. Howell, of the Centennial School here, left to-day to be present. This is a great week with North Carolina educators. In addition to the convention of the Association of Academies which is in session here to-day, the County Supervisors meet next Thursday.

If the Supreme Court of the United States should decide in favor of the two Wilsons in the Railway Commission cases, Father Worth, our good Treasurer, would be somewhat embarrassed. He or his bondsmen would have to return $1,000, which amount was paid out to Caldwell and Pearson last week.

Jno. W. Graham must have relief. He is one of the few original reform shouters who has not yet been hit with a pone of bread. The Agricultural Board, it is said, proposes to create a new office for him. The office is to be known as Commissioner of Immigration.

The new metallic ceiling will be put in the Supreme Court room at once. Yesterday work was begun in cleaning and renovating the room.

Parson Leak's new paper, The Broad-Axe, goes straight after the State and county administrations, but praises the national administration. The colored editor is an unique figure—a presiding elder and leader in his church, and an avowed politician, always ready for a fray.

Commissioner Mewborne has returned from his tour of inspection of the Eastern State farms. He was much pleased with the existing conditions as he observed them. Mr. Mewborne tells me that there are at least 500 bales of cotton in the field unpicked. He says he does not know the financial condition of the institution, and will not take up this matter until Saturday. The swap will be made Saturday.

House Party on Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. S. Solomon and Mrs. B. Solomon gave a delightful party at their handsome Summer residence on Wrightsville Beach yesterday afternoon. The party left the city early in the afternoon and, after spending about four hours at the seashore and partaking of some choice delicacies, returned to the city. Those present were Rev. David Marx, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., Miss Clara Baum, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. S Solomon, Mrs. B. Solomon, Miss Marcella Shrier, Miss Blanche David, Mr. B. Solomon and Mr. Ike Solomon.

Complimentary Dance By Harmony Circle

Harmony Circle gave a most highly enjoyable dance last night, complimentary to visitors in the city. The occasion was delightful, and the "light fantastic" was indulged in until an early hour this morning. The visitors present were Miss Clara Baum, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Ike Sycle, Philadelphia; Rev. David Marx, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga. Prof. Miller's orchestra furnished the music.

NOTICE.

Messrs. F. D. Lawrence and Robert Johnson are fully authorized to canvass Wilmington for new subscribers to THE DAILY STAR, and to receipt for three-months' subscriptions in advance.

WM. H. BERNARD.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Dividend Notice.

THE WILMINGTON COTTON MILLS. TO Stockholders of the date of December 1'th, 1897, a Dividend of three per cent has been declared on the Preferred Stock of this Company, and will be payable on the 1st day of January, 1898.

(Signed) DONALD MACRAE, Treasurer.
de 29 1t

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M. D. WILLARD, Secretary.
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FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 1897.

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AND

Earnestly soliciting a continuation and increase of same, we wish you all the joy, happiness and pleasure the season brings; also,

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when they come to wish you many happy returns of the day should be with the most lavish hospitality. There is nothing that will taste better to a man on a cold day than a cup of hot bouillon, a slice of chicken, turkey, or a cold bird, while a chicken salad is indispensable. You will find everything in meats, poultry, game and oysters choice enough for the most fastidious epicure at this market.

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Made in Wilmington, N. C., by

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1897

LABOR NORTH AND SOUTH.

Yesterday we published an article on the report of the Arkwright Manufacturers' Club of Boston on the depression of the cotton manufacturing industry in the Eastern States and the remedy this report recommended. The chief thing, in the opinion of the committee which made this report, against which the Eastern mills have to contend is Southern competition, which was made formidable on account of the difference in wages North and South, the wages of the Southern operatives being so much lower than the wages of the operatives in Eastern mills. The only remedy for this which they could see was a reduction of the wages of their operatives. Perhaps it they had consulted with the editor of the Cleveland, Ohio, "Leader," they might have gotten some points which they could work out later on.

The "Leader" man recognizes the fact that Southern manufacturing industries, not cotton only but others, are becoming dangerous competitors of the Northern manufacturing industries and it seems to give him some concern. He realizes that while labor is cheaper in the South than it is in the North it means a tough tussle on the part of Northern manufacturers to keep on the course after the Southern competitors enter for the race. Therefore something must be done to hamstring the Southerner to prevent him from getting away with his Northern competitor. The Cleveland editor has a plan, which is embraced in the following:

"In the case of Southern competition with Northern manufacturers who have bigger-priced labor to deal with, the only solution of the problem which does not involve lasting harm to the country must be sought in the uplifting of Southern wage-earners. Organizations will help in that direction, and education and prosperity will operate in the right way. Greater political equality in the South is another imperative condition of fairer and better treatment of wage-earners.

It is quite within the limits of truth to assert that whenever wage earners in the North vote to strengthen any party which depends, in the South, upon the favor of the old slave-holding aristocracy, so far as that element still exists, and which is opposed to the widest freedom for the poor and lowly, whether black or white, the workingmen of the North not only wrong their brethren in the South, but strike a blow at their own welfare. They do what they can to help Southern manufacturers who rely upon very low wages to beat Northern competitors, and that means a tremendous pressure, in the Northern industries most affected, in the direction of lower wages and harder conditions for wage earners.

"The case is perfectly plain, so far as Northern wage-earners are concerned. It is their duty to themselves as well as to their brethren in the former slave States to use their votes at all times in the way which is most likely to uplift and strengthen the workingmen of the South and make them independet and progressive."

We do not know which most to admire in this the cunning hypocrisy or the suggested meddlesome interference between the Southern workman and his employer. The "Leader" is one of the supporters of Hon. Mark Hanna and his methods, is published in his town and has the gall to try to humbug the workmen of that section into the belief that they are feeling the effects of a competition growing out of lower wages in the South, and that the Southern operatives take their lower wages not because they are willing to work for them, but because they are held in a sort of vassalage and don't know any better, do not know that they could force higher wages if they knew how to go about it. This sneaking schemer sees several things, in his mind's eye at least; first he encourages the sectional feeling as far as the workmen of the North are concerned by making them believe that it is the oppression of the workmen of the South which makes him a wage reducer, his low wages operating to prevent the Northern workmen from getting higher wages; second, if he can make the Northern workman believe this he hopes that the result will be the sending of emissaries and labor agitators into the South to operate among the workmen, to organize unions, and strikes and all that sort of thing the object being to destroy the good relations that exist between the Southern employers and laborers and thus put obstacles in the way of the former.

The Northern manufacturers have to contend against labor unions. If it were not for them wages would be much lower in the North than they are. These it is, and not the protective tariff or the friendship of the Republican party for the working men, as hypocritically asserted by the Republican organs, which have prevented wages from going much lower than they are in the North. If these unions could be established throughout the South and the Southern laborer be imbued with the belief that he is not as well paid for his labor as he should be or as his employer can afford to pay, and the result would be misunderstanding, derangement of the labor system and strikes, which would either necessitate the paying of higher wages or the frequent closing of Southern establishments, a considerable point would be gained, and one of the advantages of the Southern manufacturer be materially lessened.

This is substantially what this Cleveland schemer cunningly suggests as a way for helping the Northern manufacturer in his competition with the Southern manufacturer. He does not do it openly and boldly but sneakingly while hypocritically pretending to be actuated by regard for the working men of the North. If we are not mistaken that thing has been tried in the South by emissaries of some of the Northern Labor organizations who came South for the purpose of organizing and teaching the Southern workmen how to buck up against their employers, but the Northern idea doesn't seem to have struck and taken root, and consequently while big strikes were on up there Southern workmen were going along attending to business as usual, as if nothing was going on that interested them.

We take it from parts of the report of the Arkwright Club, which we published yesterday, that this has been tried among the operatives of the Southern cotton mills, where it failed because, as this report says, the workers didn't "take kindly to the imported ideas." But we have no doubt that the suggestion of the Cleveland writer would find response from manufacturing circles up there, and that some of them, at least, would contribute freely to pay liberal salaries to the right kind of "workmen" to spend their time in the South, "elevating the Southern workmen," and opening their eyes to the impositions that are being practiced on them by their employers, all to the end that they might learn the art of striking and to strike often.

The Southern wage question is a serious one with Northern manufacturers, rather too large for even such a genius as this Cleveland schemer to to successfully tackle.

MINOR MENTION.

The South suffers from the hard times, scarcity of money, low price of cotton, tobacco, etc, but still the industrial wheels keep moving and new enterprises are being constantly added to those already established. These aggregate since Jan. 1 of this year 1,385, as follows:

Machine shops and foundries	23
Stove foundries	1
Fertilizers and phosphate works	18
Miscellaneous iron and steel works	12
Woodworking establishments	280
Furniture factories	19
Vehicle factories	9
Agricultural implement works	2
Mining and quarrying companies	116
Textile mills	49
Flour mills	68
Cotton compresses	11
Cotton seed oil mills	27
Brick works	16
Canneries	13
Ice and cold storage plants	41
Oil and gas (natural) companies	58
Miscellaneous	1,385

A glance at this list will show considerable diversity, a proof that Southern enterprise is branching out and does not confine itself to cotton and its products. In addition to these there are plans and contracts for a number of telephone systems, gas works and electric light and power plants which will be completed in due time. Take it as it is, and it is a good showing for the South, and when we consider the low price of our staple products, the scarcity of money, &c., it is a remarkably good showing. If money was as abundant and as easily commanded in this section as it is in some portions of the North, the South would be the center of enterprise and of business activity; but the fact that such a showing can be made under such adverse conditions, is a proof of inherent strength and of an equalled natural resources.

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Russia is playing a shrewd game in China, and the work of partition goes on. She does not seem to be giving herself any concern about the Kaiser's performances at Kiao Chou, and is perhaps using these to facilitate her own grabbing schemes in northern China. She followed up the occupation of Port Arthur by the seizure of Kin-Chou, a strategic position north of Port Arthur, which commands the railroads in that section and practically makes the Russians masters of that field, where they will, of course, proceed to fortify and strengthen themselves. There is an alliance between Russia and France, whose "sphere of influence" is confined to southern China; so that, in whatever Russia may do in northern China there will be no conflict of interests. France may go on and strengthen her hold in the south, and doubtless will, while the grabbing is going on, and thus Germany will have a strong power on each side of her to call her to taw if she proceeds too far in Central China, while in the meantime England and Japan will hustle around and squat on such vantage spots as may be within their reach. But Russia has the advantage of them all, and is playing her game more cleverly than any of them, for she is playing the role of China's friend, getting all she wants and firmly establishing herself on the Pacific with which she will have continuous and safe connection by means of the trans-Siberian railway, with which she could throw immense armies into China, if need be, while the other powers, save Japan, could reach their imperilled territory only by long sea routes.

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The new railroad mileage of this country for this year aggregates 1,864 miles, which was an increase of only 61 miles over 1895, when the low water mark was reached and only 1,803 miles built. In eleven States and Territories there was no new track made, in five others not more than from a half a mile to a mile and a half. The most noticeable feature of this report is that 734 miles of the new track, or nearly one half of the total, was in the Southern States, which is not only noteworthy, but significant, and shows that while in some sections railroad building has practically come to a standstill, the railroad builder sees room for more in the South, and it may be safely assumed that while we need not look for any boom in railroad construction such as we have seen in some of the past years when the new mileage ran up into the thousands, there will be a considerable addition made annually to the mileage of the South, and that this will be the section of the greatest activity in railroad building. There is a vast area of territory in the South waiting for railroads to develop the resources that the world will need.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Roanoke Beacon: On Wednesday night Della Joyner, colored, of this town, left her home for a short time, leaving her little child in the room, and in her absence the child fell into the fire and was burned to death.

— Asheboro Courier: An attempt was made a few days ago by some unknown person or persons to wreck the High Point train between Randleman and Asheboro by placing cross ties on the track. Engineer Teague saw the obstruction and stopped the train in time to prevent an accident.

— Hickory Times: Mr. J. H. P. Cilley went to Baltimore last week to examine cold storage arrangements and machinery for making ice for the use of the State Hospital. He stopped over here on his return and stated that he could now fit up the hospital store-house to keep beef 1,000 years and watermelons 100 years.

— Burlington News: The serious illness of Dr. J. S. Murphy, which was known by most of our citizens, ended in his death Monday evening of last week. Dr. Murphy has been identified with Burlington these many years, and was looked up to by citizens and those of his profession as a practitioner of no small capacity.

— High Point Enterprise: The readers of the Enterprise will remember an account of the arrest of a white man in Randolph county a few weeks ago by United States Deputy Marshal Free. Marshal Free tells us that it turned out that his prisoner was accused of killing four men in Virginia and also of burning property valued at one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Free had no evidence to go on except that his man wore low quartered shoes.

— Raleigh Post: So far 116 insurance companies have taken out license with the Secretary of State. —— Secretary of State Thompson is very much interested in the bill introduced in Congress by Senator Platt to take insurance matters from under the control of the several States and place them in the control of the Federal Government. The Secretary stated to day that the State of North Carolina derived $90,000 annually of revenue from insurance companies, and that the passage of this bill would result in the loss of this source of revenue.

— Charlotte Observer: Col. Rob't M. Oates died yesterday (Monday) at five minutes past 1 o'clock, at his residence, on North Tryon street, of catarrh of the stomach, after an illness of six weeks. —— A very distressing affair occurred in lower Steel Creek yesterday (Monday). George Neely, the 14 year old son of Mr. W. A. Neely, was accidentally shot and killed by a young son of Mr. Theodore Pegram. The Pegram boy is 13 years old. Young Neely was visiting him. They had taken a rifle and gone out to kill ducks. The rifle went off while Pegram was handling it, the ball striking Neely in the breast, killing him almost instantly. —— Last Saturday Buford Early, living near Fairview, Buncombe county, went out of his house to shoot a guinea. As he fired the 15-year old son of James McAbee, a neighbor, got in range of the shot and the contents of Early's gun struck him in the back, making a wound from which the boy died yesterday. The shooting was purely accidental.

— Greensboro Telegram: Two of the rabbits inoculated by Drs. Brooks and Turner at Astly-Cooper hospital with the spinal column of the dog suspected of having rabies, died on Friday night. One of them died with pyæmia, a species of blood poisoning. Abscesses were found to have formed on its liver, lungs and flanks. The other died of pneumonia. It is well known to the medical fraternity that meningitis and pneumonia are caused by the same micro organism. The only difference is that in one case it attacks the lungs and in the other the spinal column. The fact, theretore, that one of the rabbits should have died of meningitis gives color to the hypothesis that the dog may have been suffering from meningitis rather than rabbies. A Telegram reporter appeared before the State Veterinary Association in session at the McAdoo, and, after hearing the facts the surgeons agreed that the dog may have had meningitis so far as the symptoms were concerned. It is well known that foreign substances in the stomach of a dog result sometimes in meningitis. The animal suffering with the latter disease will also attack people. One of the surgeons reported a case of meningitis in a dog in this city caused by cockleburs in the stomach. The case cannot be settled until the other rabbits have been observed further.

—— Mr. Gage may vapor through the newspapers about permanently establishing the gold Standard, and McKinley may dodge like a rabbit in a briar patch to avoid the issue, but at last he will be compelled to issue bonds or to reclaim the government's option to pay in either gold or silver. To that complexion the financial question must come under this administration at last.—Louisville Dispatch, Dem.

Pure blood is absolutely necessary for perfect health. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier, and great health giver. †

TWINKLINGS.

— Are you in pain, my little man? asked the kind gentleman.

"No," answered the boy. "The pain's in me."—Tit Bits.

— Sportsman (who has just shot at a duck)—"I think he'll come down, Duncan."

"Ay, sir, he'll come down—when he's hungry."—Punch.

— National Characteristics—Sappy—"Scratch a Russian and you'll find a Tartar."

Sappy—"Yes; but scratch a Scotchman and he'll say 'Thank you,'"—Judge.

— "Mrs. Deftly has resigned the presidency of the Keramic Club."

"Why did she do that?"

"She received Christmas presents of twenty-three hand-painted pintrays."—Brooklyn Life.

— A Long Felt Want—Bright—"I've got an idea that will be worth millions if I succeed in perfecting it."

Wright—"What's the scheme?"

Bright—"A smokeless cigarette."—News.

— Some Difference: Stranger—"What does it cost this State by the day to run the Legislature?"

Illinois Man—"In actual expense or in damage?"—Chicago Tribune.

— Customer (in restaurant)—This beefsteak must be at least three weeks old, isn't it?

Waiter—Don't know, sah; I'se only been heah two weeks, sah.

— Classified: "The man who doesn't get vexed at a bad dinner is no man at all."

"Of course not; he is an angel."—Chicago Record.

— A Spectacle: Professor (of astronomy)—"How many of the planets can be seen with the naked eye?"

"Little Girl—"I don't know sir. We have no naked eyes in Boston."—*Chicago Tribune*.

— Born in Him: Brown—"Bluview is a confirmed pessimist, isn't he?

Jones—"Yes; I knew him when he was a boy. One Christmas Eve he had a gloomy spell because he happened to think how sorry he'd be when Christmas over."—*Puck*

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Mr. Gage probably didn't intend to introduce pandemonium into the republican concert.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—— The New York Times, after careful inquiry, finds that there are no less than 7,000 firms of pension attorneys in this country, and that more than 40,000 lawyers make the obtaining of pensions their main business. From 1891 to 1897 these attorneys collected from pensions the sum of $10,110,194.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— Spain is highly incensed at what it calls the horrible butchery of Ruiz, but the proud statesmen of that country thought it quite proper to compass the death of Maceo by assassination, and to hire a despicable mercenary to destroy old General Gomez.—Baltimore Herald, Dem.

—— Congress gained little but contempt of a grudge against Cleveland and Great Britain by refusing to appropriate the $425,000 recommended by the former to settle the claims of Canadian sealers for damage by seizures in Bering Sea. The sealers claimed to $800 000. The Canadian Government reduced the claims to $450,000. Our Government proposed $400,000, and Canada offered to accept $425,000, if paid at once, to save the trouble and expense of arbitrators. Congress refused, and the arbitrators have just awarded Canada $464,000—her whole claim and interest. Our smartness cost us $37,000 and the cost of the arbitration—say $50,000 in all.—New York Commercial Advertiser, Rep.

FACTORY SYSTEMS IN SWITZERLAND.

Skilled Watchmakers Will Not Work by American Methods.

It is most interesting to compare the different methods by means of which the highest grade of mechanical perfection is attained in various countries. Notwithstanding the high character of American watches, for example, the finest Swiss watches will retain their great reputation. The Swiss workman receives the parts from the manufacturer in the rough, takes them to his home, puts his best individual skill into the finishing and assembling and brings the completed watches to his employer. The latter inspects the work, and out of a batch of, say, 50 watches he selects five or six as worthy of his attention and puts the others into the regular trade under some general trade name. The selected watches he readjusts, working over them for days, weeks and months before he considers them worthy to bear his own name, and it is these watches which go to those who not only have the money to buy, but also the patience to wait.

A prominent firm of American jewelers, chafing under the inconveniences of this old world method of doing things, sought to introduce American methods and see if the highest grade of Swiss watches could not be made more methodically. A factory was built, enticing rates of wages were offered to the most skillful workmen, and the experiment was tried. But, alas, the Swiss workman soon found that no regular wages could pay him for his loss of liberty. To be on hand when the whistle blew in the morning, to have his stated hour for dinner and his fixed hour for quitting at night—these restrictions he could not long stand. Formerly he had worked when he felt like it and stopped when it pleased him, and when he was paid for one job he took his own time to begin the next, generally waiting until his funds ran low. The factory plan did not work for long, and the idle building now bears silent testimony to the Swiss love for independence, which is as much a factor in present life as it has been in past history.—Cassier's Magazine.

At the better class of Parisian cafes, writing paper, envelopes, pens, ink, etc., are furnished to the guests free. In hotels of the same city guests have to pay for them.

About 1,000 fishing boats engaged around the British coast are named Mary.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids indigestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

THE OUTCAST.

He couldn't tell exactly where he was going or why he was going or where he would stop. He was just going. That was all.

It was a long time since he had started—a long time. And it was a long time since he had been a man. He was only an outcast only—oh, no, no; he was a man still, and a good man at that. Why should he work when others wouldn't? Why shouldn't he be a loafer if he wanted to? Why shouldn't he rob as well as the rich robbed? Why everything?

He was walking in the middle of the railway track. The rails were stretching and gleaming in the hard sunlight. Before him, behind him, to his right, to his left, was the prairie—a great, lone plain.

What a strange place it was, this prairie—the very outside of the world! Nothing but grass—grass everywhere. And a blue sky that became dark and hard when the eye looked straight up into it. Sky, steel, grass!

And silence, watching grim silence that held within it something threatening, something that was here, there, everywhere, that hovered about him, that lay off in the distance, that was by his side, that was up over his head. He could feel this thing was about just as surely as he could see the sky and the grass and the rails between which he was walking.

He was so alone, so away from everything. True, something was here, but it was something outside himself. It was not akin to him. It was something he could not understand, something to fear, a thing unreal.

Being here was worse than being in the cell of a prison. There at least things that were real were near one, if only the darkness and the bars. Voices were there, if only the harsh, cold voices of the warders.

He had often thought when he was in prison what a fine thing it would be to get out into the free open air, to get right out on the outside of everything. Well, he was on the outside of everything here, and he felt afraid.

For how was it that he never seemed to get any farther? He was walking, always walking, and still he made no headway, or at least he appeared to make no headway. He had been going on for five days. He was as far now as when he started. Here was the same sky, the same grass, the same clear, sharp horizon. Perhaps he was not moving at all.

Ah, he had it! He was moving all right, but he was moving only in one place. That was it, sure enough. The sky, the grass, the horizon moved from him as he moved. To h—l with it all! Things were playing a game with him.

He was hungry, but he had gone past the stage where hunger gnaws. He felt a lightness and ease in his power of movement. It would be easy for him to jump over places or to run or to carry heavy weights or to fight. His senses were worked up to a high pitch. He could see better. He could hear—

Oh, yes, he could hear very much better, for now he noticed that the prairie was filled with sound, an odd sort of low sound that lay in the depths of the watching silence. He was trying to think what this sound was.

It was sound lying in dead silence. It was something— Ah, could it be that it was—

He smiled.

Sixty hours had gone by since he had eaten his last piece of bread.

He would never eat bread again perhaps. Well, what of it? He felt better without it. Bread was hard to get, after all. Everybody wanted to get it. Everybody grasped after it. They said that they were grasping after gold, but really they were grasping after bread. You had to be a slave to get bread. You had to be a robber to get bread. You had so sell, humiliate and degrade yourself to get bread.

Bread, bread, bread!

And now he wanted it not. He felt better without it. He was here in the middle of the terrible sounding silence because of the struggle for it. Bread! You had to kill yourself that you might get it and live. Bread! You had to work the life out to keep the life in. But still—

"Cheer up!" said a voice. He started. It was distinctly a voice, a voice behind him—a sneering voice.

He did not look around. It could not be any one, because if it were any one he would have known of it long ago. Besides, there was no sound.

He walked faster.

But it might be a man. But, then, if it were a man he would have heard. He would have known of it long ago.

The sun was hot, but he felt cold. Oh, if he could only look around! But what was the use of his looking around? It was nothing but a voice after all. And who could see a voice? Besides, the prairie was full of sound—that dead sound.

The best thing for him to do was to pay no heed. It could not be a man, and it could not be a ghost, for ghosts don't come in the broad glare of sunlight.

What was it then? Just a voice. But if no one were there, there could be no voice.

He had heard nothing after all.

He felt relieved to find that the whole thing was only the working of his mind, but he was nervous for all that, and he walked more quickly.

And now he remembered that he was walking from the west to the east. He was going from the setting to the rising sun—going to the east whence came the glorious, kindly light.

In the east there lay the calmness and rest of death, or, perhaps, life and a chance for achievement and forgetfulness. In the west there lay the cell of the prison and despair and black, terrible memories.

He was surrounded now by silence and phantoms. He was an outcast. The hunger ghoul stalked by his side.

He was going from crime—from crime to what?

And the great prairie was widening out before him.

He moved on.

On.—Bart Kennedy in London Sun.

Ingrowing Hair.

The barber was talking. "Ingrowing hairs in the face are often painful," he remarked, "but they aren't in it with ingrowing hairs under the finger nails. Fact, I assure you. Ask any barber, and he will tell you the same thing. How do they get there? Oh, that's simple enough. In cutting a man's hair, a short hair very often flies off the shears and lodges under the finger nail. We don't notice it at the time, and it gradually works its way in until it is completely out of sight. Then the trouble begins. Sometimes it takes root and grows out, but more often it just stays there and festers. Does the razor hurt? There you are, sir. Next!"—Philadelphia Record.

Waking a Shah.

An amusing story is told of how the late shah fell asleep when he should have been the chief guest at a reception. In Persia they believe that an awakened person suffers grievous injury. What was to be done? A band was dispatched to the shah's resting place with special instructions to the big drum. The result was successful.

Faith is letting down our nets into the transparent deeps, at the divine command, not knowing what we shall take.—Faber.

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Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7⅜
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@	5¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	15	@	16
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store	3¼	@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	26
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	26
" in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg. Cut. 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 25	@	9 50
Rump		@	9 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	80
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5⅛
White Ex. C		@	4⅞
Extra C, Golden		@	4⅝
C. Yellow		@	3⅝
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3¼	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cyress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@	5 50
" Sap	5 00	@	50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 31 cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 30½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, 1.90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm, 24½, 23¾c; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.50; tar quiet, $1 00; crude turpentine dull, $1.40, 1 90, 1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	109
Rosin	555
Tar	177
Crude Turpentine	7

Receipts same day last year—48 casks spirits turpentine, 719 bbls rosin, 191 bbls tar, 16 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16 cts ℔ ℔	
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅝	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 6¼.

Receipts—2,518 bales; same day last year 606.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1 00@1 05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Evening.—Money on call firm at 2½@4½ per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 2½@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 481¼@481½ for demand; 481¼@481¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 482½@483 and 485½@486. Commercial bills 480½. Silver certificates 56½@58. Bar silver 56⅜. Mexican dollars 45⅝. Government bonds were weak; new fours, registered, 128 new fours, coupon, 128⅜ fours, registered, 112⅜; fours, coupon 114⅜; twos registered 99½; fives, registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady at 33½@34½c.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 28.—Spirits turpentine firm at 31c; sales 10 casks; receipts 1 073 casks. Rosin firm; sales 3 500 barrels; receipts 7,984 barrels; A, B, C, D, $1 20, E, F $1 25, G $1 35, H $1 50 I $1 70, K $1 80, M $1 95, N $2 20, W G $2 65, W W $3 00.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—On the resumption of business this morning following a holiday since Friday, there was very little business calculated to disturb pre convictions of traders as to significance of cotton market bearings. Opening steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 2 points, as compared with the final figures of Friday, the market subsequently showed some irregularity with a weak undertone. At the lowest level prices showed a loss of four points. The market was finally steady at a net decline of 3 to 5 points. The principal weakness was a belief that with the favorable weather conditions in the South the movements of cotton will increase and become burdensome in the absence of speculative support.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 5 15 16c.

Cotton futures closed steady, with sales of 148 300 bales; January 5 71, February 5 74, March 5 79, April 5 74, May 5 88, June 5 93, July 5 98, August 6 03, September 6 01, October 6 03, November 6 04, December 5 70.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 5 15-16c; middling gulf 6 3 16c; sales 417 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,138 bales; gross 4 580 bales; exports to Great Britain 688 bales; to France 1,981 bales; to the Continent 2,297 bales; forwarded 1,710 bales; sales 417 bales; sales to spinners 117 bales; stock (actual) 111,849 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 73,192 bales; exports to Great Britain 7,435 bales; to France 1,984 bales; to the Continent 8 009 bales; stock 1,182 263 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 156 590 bales; exports to Great Britain 44 926 bales; to France 9 984 bales; to the Continent 39,531 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,356 711 bales; exports to Great Britain 1 712,148 bales; exports to France 494 559 bales; exports to the Continent 1,415,-543 bales.

Dec. 28.—Galveston, holiday, net receipts 8 442 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 5¼ net receipts 7,151 bales; Baltimore, 5⅝c, net receipts — bales; Boston, holiday, net receipts 1,827 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅝, net receipts 2 518 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6 3 16, net receipts 1,099 bales, Savannah, quiet at 5 3 16, net receipts 16 961 bales, New Orleans, dull at 5⅝c, net receipts 27 491 bales; Mobile, dull at 5¼, net receipts 3,159 bales; Memphis, steady at 5 5 16, net receipts 3 604 bales; Augusta, firm at 5 9 16 net receipts 3 742 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5 3 16, net receipts 2,411 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Evening.—Flour was steady. Wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red $1 02¼; options opened firm on cables, broke sharply under liquidation, bearish Argentine news and disappointing late foreign markets, but finally rallied on active covering and strength in coarse grain markets, closing ⅛@¼c net higher; No. 2 red January 99¼@99⅝, closed 99⅝c; May 94⅝@95⅜, closed 95⅛c; December $1 01¼@1 01⅞, closed 1 01⅜. Corn—spot firm; No. 2 35⅝c; options opened steady with wheat, but declined on heavy car lot receipts with a late rally on covering, closing ⅛@¼c net higher; January 33 7 16@33⅜, closed 33⅜c; May 34 15 16@35⅛c, closed 35⅛c; December 33⅛@33⅜c, closed 33⅜c. Oats—spot strong; No. 2 28⅛@28⅜c; options were quiet but stronger on large export purchases West, closing ⅛@¼c net lower; May closed 28⅜c; December closed 28⅜c. Lard steady; Western steam $4 83½. Pork dull. Butter steady; Western creamery 15@23, do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 22c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 15@21. Cheese quiet; large white September 8½c; large late made 7⅝@7¾c. Petroleum dull. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Cotton seed oil firmer and more active; prime crude 18@19c; prime crude f. o. b. mills 14@15c; prime summer yellow 22c; off summer yellow 21½c; prime winter yellow 27@27½c. Coffee—spot Rio quiet dull but steady; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; Cordova 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Wheat opened firm to day and closed firm at ¼c advance for May and 1c higher for December, but it had several radical changes of feeling during the session. Statistics were bearish, but the influence of strong coarse grain markets and support from the Leiter party counter-balanced this in the end. Corn closed without change. Oats gained ¼@⅜c. Provisions were firm until near the end, when they became heavy and closed 2½@5c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Cash quotations: Flour—the market was quoted steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 89½@90c: No 3 spring 84@91c: No. 2 red 96½@99½c. Corn—No. 2, 27⅜@27½c. Oats—No 2, 23½@23⅝c; No. 2 white f. o. b 24⅜@25; No 3 white f. o. b. 24⅜@25c. Rye—No 2, 46¾c. Mess pork per barrel, $7 70@7 75. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 52½@4 55. Short rib sides, loose, $4 35@4 70c. Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 62½@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 65@4 75. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follow, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 98, 1 00½, 97½, 99½; January 94¼, 94⅝, 94¼, 94⅝; May 94¼, 94½, 94½, 93⅞, 94½c. Corn—December 27¼, 27⅜, 27, 27⅜c; January 27⅜, 27⅜, 27, 27⅜c; May 30½@30½, 30½, 29⅞, 30⅛c; July 31½, 31½, 29⅞, 31⅛c. Oats—December 22⅜, 22⅞, 22½, 22⅞c; May 23⅝@23⅞, 24, 23⅝@23⅞, 24c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $7 70; January $8 75, 8 77½, 8 70, 8 70; May $8 92½, 8 95, 8 87½, 8 87½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $4 42½; January $4 55, 4 57½, 4 52½, 4 55, May $4 72½, 4 72½, 4 67½, 4 70. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 35, January $4 40, 4 40, 4 35, 4 37½; May $4 55, 4 55, 4 50, 4 52½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet; spot, month and January 98⅝@98¾c; May 95¼c bid; steamer No. 2 red 93⅝@93¾c; Southern wheat by sample 93@99c; do on grade 94@99c. Corn firm; spot and month 33⅝@34c; December, new or old, 33⅝@34c; steamer mixed 31⅝@34c; Southern white and yellow corn 29@29¾c. Oats firmer; No. 2 white 29½@30c.

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A SAGACIOUS MULE.

He Was Willing to Work Full Hours, but No Overtime.

I once spent some months on a cotton plantation down in Mississippi. Fastened to the top of the ginhouse was a large bell. It had been the custom on this plantation, even before the war and up to the present time, for all hands to go to work and quit by the sound of this bell. The bell rang at 6 a. m., 12 m., 1 p. m. and 6 p. m. There was on the plantation a mule who had constituted himself a self ordained and independent "labor organization." This cuss of a mule would not go to work until the bell rang. At 12 o'clock he would quit work at the first stroke of the bell, would not go to work again until the bell rang and would quit in the afternoon the moment the bell sounded. This may seem strange, but it is as true as gospel. The mule would not tighten his traces after the bell sounded at noon. No matter if he was in the middle of a cotton row in the field or pulling a wagon, he struck the moment the bell sounded. All the whipping and abuse you cold heap upon him only made him more determined. He would stand and bray and kick at you as fast as his hind feet could fly and finally wind up by kicking himself out of harness.

One day his regular driver was sick, and the owner of the plantation put Uncle Sam, a new hand, who had only gone to work on this place the day before, to drive this team and haul seed cotton out of the field to the ginhouse. At noon the bell rang, and Pete struck for grub, as usual, half way between the field and the ginhouse. Uncle Sam wanted to go on to the ginhouse with the load before he unharnessed for dinner, but Pete differed with him on this point. The old negro and the mule took up the whole noon hour trying to see which would have his way, and finally the mule came out victor. Uncle Sam had to give in and unharnessed out in the field and went leading the mule to the house. The owner of the place and myself were watching the whole show and were enjoying it hugely. Uncle Sam led the mule up to where we stood in the barnyard and said, "Mars Bob, dis 'ere rectified mule are dun struck fer higher wages." The owner said, "Sam, that mule has been striking for higher wages for the last 20 years, but he has never got any advance yet."—Forest and Stream.

A MARTYR TO STYLE.

I wonder what's happened to my folks.
They used to be simple and plain,
But ever since father began to get rich
They began to get silly and vain.
My mother's been doing a lot of queer things,
But the funniest thing she has done
Was to purchase a "cute little velvet suit."
To put on her overgrown son.

She bought me a collar a full foot wide,
A bow that's a foot and a half,
And the very first time that I went on the street,
Gosh, how the fellows did laugh!
Then Tom Brown, the oldest of all of my friends,
Who knew well that Bill was my name,
Tipped a sly wink to the rest of the boys,
And "Sweet William" my title became.

I can stand lots of chaff, but I couldn't stand that.
"Sweet William" just settled the biz.
So I took off my little black velvet coat
And knocked all the dust out of his.
And I'm going to teach my friend Tommy,
If in guying me he persists,
Although I don't wear the same old clothes,
I do wear the same old fists.
—M. H. W. in Brooklyn Eagle.

A BRAVE PRINCE.

The Heroism of Duke Charles of Bavaria In a Theater Fire.

The bravery of battle is surpassed in the quality and fiber of its intrepidity by the courage which faces a conflagration or a wreck, because the battle fervor is helped out by patriotism, esprit de corps and other emotions which have a distinct place in the soldier's heart. The great charity bazaar fire at Paris, and particularly the heroic death there of the Duchess d'Alencon, recalls a brave exploit of this lady's uncle, Duke Charles of Bavaria, many years ago.

It was in 1823, and some sort of exceptional representation at the Residenz theater at Munich had attracted a large and brilliant audience. Duke Charles was seated in the royal box. Suddenly an attendant rushed in and whispered excitedly:

"Your highness, the theater is on fire! Make your escape before the panic breaks out."

This alarming announcement did not cause a change of expression on the prince's face. First satisfying himself by a word of inquiry that the stage was really on fire, the prince rose, stepped calmly to the front of the box and said to the audience:

"I am informed that a fire has broken out on the stage. There is time enough for you all to get out before the danger becomes imminent. The only thing that you have to fear is a panic. I urge you, therefore, to quit the hall in the most perfect order, and I give you my word that if you do so you will all escape. To prove that I mean what I say I shall now sit down and shall not leave my seat until the last one of the audience is out of the house."

Duke Charles then sat down as unmoved as if the performance was to proceed. The sight of his calmness reassured the audience, and the people moved deliberately out in an orderly manner; the flames burst through the curtain to the proscenium; the people looked at Duke Charles, who still sat imperturbably in his place. No one could make a cowardly rush in the face of such an example.

In ten minutes the house was entirely emptied, no one being hurt. Duke Charles was the last to go out. In another instant the interior was all on fire, and the house was completely destroyed.—Youth's Companion.

The Thyroid Gland In Medicine.

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So it is with most of the remedies which the physician employs. He uses them because experience has shown that they will do good in the conditions in which he prescribes them, although he has not learned why, but in the use of animal thyroid the physician knows that he has a sovereign remedy, and he also knows the reasons for the brilliant results of its proper application.—Dr. Pearce Bailey in Popular Science Monthly.

A Wife's Awful Dread.

Once Professor Sylvester purchased a new pair of trousers and wore them to the university. His wife, who was well aware of his absentminded habits, knew nothing of the purchase. An hour or so after Professor Sylvester's arrival at the university his wife was seen rushing breathlessly down the street with a package under her arm.

Meeting one of the professors, she inquired hastily and anxiously, "Have you seen Professor Sylvester?"

"Yes," answered the astonished professor.

"Well, is he all right—is everything all right?" asked his anxious spouse.

"My dear madam," said the professor, "calm yourself. Your husband is perfectly well. I saw him but a moment ago."

"But I mean," said the almost frenzied woman, "did you notice anything peculiar about him? Did he look as he ought to look? Oh, did he—did he"—

Just then Professor Sylvester strolled around the corner with the new trousers on, to the intense relief of both his wife and the other professor.—Baltimore Sun.

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Not only is this wonderful child a musician of rare merit, but also a talented composer, having written no fewer than 60 compositions in addition to the lyrics of a grand opera entitled "Hagar."

His favorite composers are Beethoven and Chopin.—Boston Globe.

Story of the Queen's Coachman.

My dear children, Jews and Christians pray, Lead us not into temptation. Their wise men warn to keep far away from sin.

Anything which in itself seems harmless, yet leads to sin and wrongdoing, must be avoided. Not long ago I heard a Methodist preacher tell this story: A queen once desired to engage a coachman, as her faithful servant was too old to hold the reins any more. Many applied for this position, which meant a very good living. Out of these her chamberlain selected three, whom he introduced to her majesty. She turned to one with this question: "How near to the edge of a precipice can you drive without falling over?" He answered, "Within an inch." Remarking "That is quite close," she addressed the same question to the second. Thinking to eclipse his rival and gain the coveted employment, the latter answered, "If I understand my horses and they understand me, I can drive within half an inch of the brink." The third man replied: "I do not know, for I have never tried. I always strive to keep away as far as possible from such dangerous places." The queen chose the third coachman as a reliable servant and dismissed the others. Hoping that this story contains a lesson readily understood, I am yours, as ever.—Uncle Arthur in American Hebrew.

Young Cigarette Smokers.

The principals of a large number of Chicago schools were asked as to the prevalence of the cigarette habit among their pupils. The replies to the inquiry constitute a composite picture of a cigarette smoker.

The portrait presented shows a pallid and dull face, a lusterless eye, an elusive and mean expression, in a word the countenance of a "degenerate." Furthermore, there is a stunted physique, a slovenly appearance and attitude, the general aspect of a bright and blooming youth whose charm is gone. The picture of the dwarfed, distorted, enfeebled mind is likewise full of terrible suggestiveness. The change from interest in study and a faithful discharge of duty to listlessness and downright skulking and rebellion is powerfully set forth.

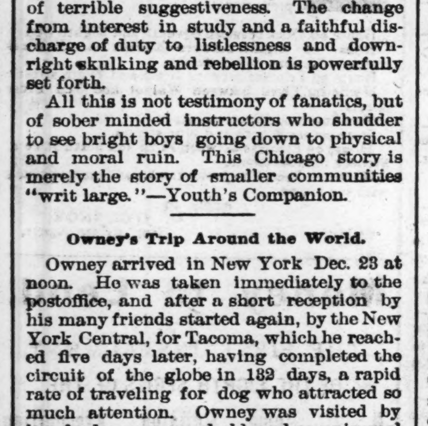
All this is not testimony of fanatics, but of sober minded instructors who shudder to see bright boys going down to physical and moral ruin. This Chicago story is merely the story of smaller communities "writ large."—Youth's Companion.

Owney's Trip Around the World.

Owney arrived in New York Dec. 23 at noon. He was taken immediately to the postoffice, and after a short reception by his many friends started again, by the New York Central, for Tacoma, which he reached five days later, having completed the circuit of the globe in 132 days, a rapid rate of traveling for dog who attracted so much attention. Owney was visited by hundreds, young and old, and so universal was the demand to see him that Postmaster Case placed him on exhibition in a public hall, and people for miles round made his acquaintance. At the end of his trip Owney had over 200 tags, medals and certificates to add to his collection, and he is today in all probability the best known and the most universally popular dog in the world.—St. Nicholas.

Here's a Hard Problem to Solve.

The piece puzzle published this week is pretty difficult, and you'll probably have to study some time before you get it. You



will see that there are 14 pieces in all. Six of these pieces joined together will make a perfect cross, and the other eight added will make a perfect square.—Chicago Record.

The Chicks.

Said one little chick, with a funny little squirm,
"I wish I could find a nice fat worm."
Said another little chick, with a queer little shrug,
"I wish I could find a nice fat bug."
Said a third little chick, with a strange little squeal,
"I wish I could find some nice yellow meal."
"Now, look here," said the mother from the green garden patch,
"If you want any breakfast, you must get up and scratch."
—Exchange.

Chinese Similes.

Some of the ordinary expressions of the Chinese are pointedly sarcastic enough. A blustering, harmless fellow they call "a paper tiger." When a man values himself overmuch, they compare him to "a rat falling into a scale and weighing itself." Overdoing a thing they call "a hunchback making a bow." A spendthrift they compare to "a rocket" which goes off at once. Those who expend their charity on remote objects, but neglect their family, are said to "hang a lantern on a pole, which is seen afar, but gives no light below."

The speaker of the house of commons receives a salary of $25,000 a year, and when he retires he is raised to the peerage with an annual pension of $20,000.

He Wasn't Speaking.

Small Man (in a Pullman car, writing letter to his wife)—It would afford you some amusement, my dear, if you could see the freckle faced, long, lean, gamble shanked, knock kneed, sneaking, impertinent, ill bred, half baked specimen of a backwoods gawky that is looking over my shoulder as I write this—

Large Man (on seat behind fiercely)—You lie, you little scoun—

Small Man (turning round)—Beg pardon, sir, are you speaking to me?

Large Man (confusedly)—Y—no! No! I didn't say anything. I wasn't speaking. I—I—

Small man resumes his writing. Large man goes to the last seat and relieves his mind by saying something to the flying landscape.—Exchange.

ETIQUETTE OF WHIST.

Nine Useful Little Rules For Card Players to Remember.

The established code of whist etiquette contains the following rules, which were formulated to repress or prevent certain improprieties of conduct during the progress of the game. These rules were adopted by the third American whist congress:

First.—No conversation should be indulged in during the play except such as is allowed by the rules of the game.

Second.—No player should in any manner whatever give any intimation as to the state of his hand or of the game or of approval or disapproval of a play.

Third.—No player should lead until the preceding trick is turned and quitted.

Fourth.—No player should, after having led a winning card, draw a card from his hand for another lead until his partner has played to the current trick.

Fifth.—No player should play a card in any manner so as to call particular attention to it, nor should he demand that the cards be placed in order to attract the attention of his partner.

Sixth.—No player should purposely incur a penalty because he is willing to pay for it, nor should he make a second revoke in order to conceal one previously made.

Seventh.—No player should take advantage of information imparted by his partner through a breach of etiquette.

Eighth.—No player should object to referring a disputed question of fact to a bystander who professes himself uninterested in the result of the game and able to decide the question.

Ninth.—Bystanders should not in any manner call attention to or give any intimation concerning the play or the stage of the game during the play of a hand. They should not look over the hand of a player without permission, nor should they walk around the table to look at the different hands.—Philadelphia Times.

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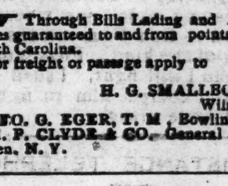

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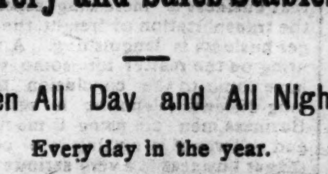

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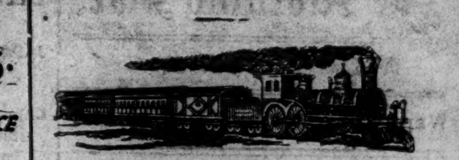

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DECEMBER 14, 1897.

DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11 02 a m, Warsaw 11.15 a m, Goldsboro 12 05 a m, Wilson 12.55 p m, Rocky Mount 1.40 p m, Tarboro 2.45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.25 p m, Richmond 7.15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.30 p m, Baltimore 1.66 a m, Philadelphia 3.50 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.43 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3 14 a m, Richmond 4.10 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.13 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 3 25 pm — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4 13 p m, Newbern 5 40 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.41 p m, Marion 6.43 p m, Florence 7.25 p m, Sumter 9.10 p m, Columbia 10.30 p m, Denmark 6.12 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12.55 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 50 a m, Jacksonville 7.50 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.25 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.53 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2 37 p m, Goldsboro 3.23 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 24 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.58 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 15 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 00 a m, Jacksonville 10 26 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 a m, Sanford 3 27 p m, Jacksonville 7 40 p m, Savannah 1 45 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.25 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10 05 a m, Marion 10.41 a m, Chadbourn 11.43 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4.20 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11 33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 15 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 10 p m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10 17 a m, arrive Latta 10.35 a m, Dillon 10 47 a m, Rowland 11 02 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 01 p m, arrives Dillon 6.33 p m, Latta 6.46 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2 10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 27 p m, Manning 6, 8 p m, arrive Lane's 6.57 p m, leave Lanes 8 23 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m, Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7 55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 8 4 p m., Hartsville 9 35 p m, Bennettsville 9 35 p m, Gibson 10 00 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 27 a m, Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 20 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2 20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m, Smithfield 3.32 p m, Dunn 4 00 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.13 p m, returning leave Rowland 10 03 a m, Fayetteville 12.22 a m, 10.15 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.48 p m, Selma 1.55 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12.09 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 29 a m, Creston 5 17 a m, arrive Denmark 6 12 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 25 p m, Creston 5 31 p m, Sumter 6 25 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 5.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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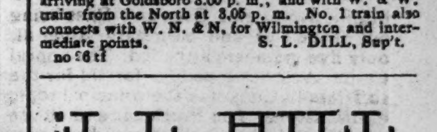

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave
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....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1897

THE CHICAGO WHEAT DEAL

Joseph Leiter Won a Victory in His Fight With the Grain Elevator People.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 28.—Joseph Leiter has apparently won a victory in his fight with Geo. A. Seaverns, the grain elevator owner, as to the qualitty of wheat to be delivered on Leiter's contracts.

Leiter's commission men, Alexander Geddes & Co., sent the steamer Iron King last week to Seavern's elevator, the Alton, to load with No. 2 red winter wheat. By the time 8,000 bushels of the steamer's cargo of 75,000 bushels had been spouted into its hold, Leiter's private inspectors turned the wheat down. They declared it not up to contract. Mr. Seaverns now offers to take the wheat out of the vessel and to give a different grade.

Leiter and his commission men say the oig fight of the great wheat deal is now on; that they intend to get just the kind of wheat they bought and no poorer. They have a fleet of vessels, of which the Iron King is only one, ready to take all the No. 2 wheat for which they hold contracts to the Alton elevator, about 270 000 ouuncls.

Last night it was understood that the elevator people would remove the wheat already in the boat and tender a new lot. Exciting times may follow. The Leiter people look for the same sort of wheat over again, claiming that the Alton grain has been mixed down too fine and that it is too late to change it. If this happens the private inspectors employed by Leiter will protest, the appeals committee will at once be called anew and the fight will be made over again.

If it should happen that the appeals committee should throw out any quantity of the grain tendered by any elevator, a sensation might follow. The State grain inspection department has inspected the grain in the houses, thereby permitting warehouse receipts to be issued against it. The State could be held responsible in case it developed its employes had been too lenient.

There are about 8 000 000 bushels of contract wheat in the Chicago elevators. Leiter owns it all. It is still in the possession of the elevator people. Certain cargoes were taken from Armour and were found very satisfactory. It is only however as Leiter begins to load wheat out of the elevators that he can tell what kind of grain he is to get on his contracts.

INDIANA REPUBLICANS.

Meeting of Representatives of the Party in the State Unanimous for Currency Reform.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 28.—Five hundred representatives of the Republican party of Indiana, outside of the city of Indianapolis, attended to-day's conference. The meeting was for talk and little else and was the largest "off year" meeting the party ever held. The meeting was held a little later in the year in order that the United States Senator from the State and the Republican Representatives might be here and they all came. Influential men in the party were encouraged by the statements of the Senator and Representatives that there is hope for currency reform, not radical legislation, but action that will tend to set the party right before the people. The unanimity of the party in the State on the proposition that the currency must be reformed was a surprise to a good many of the men attending the conference. The Democrats, it was averred, will declare for free silver in their next State platform, and the Republicans will, of course, take the opposite ground. In the event of the failure of Congress to take action looking to the reform of the currency, members of the party said, the party in this State would go into the State campaign embarrassed and on the defensive from the start. In the hotel lobbies there was a great deal of talk against the civil service law, but it came largely from men who made application for office immediately after the nomination of McKinley and have been disappointed. The prominent men of the party agreed that no one need fear that the Republicans of Indiana will ever declare against the law.

The chief speakers were U S Senator Charles W. Fairbanks and Gov. James A Mount. Senator Fairbanks paid a high tribute to the President.

ROCK OF GIBRALTAR.

British Government Pushing the Work of Modernizing Fortifications at Its Great Stronghold.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Reports received at the Navy Department indicate that the British government is pushing the work of modernizing the great fortifications at the Rock of Gibraltar with all speed, and that no less than 5 000 Spanish workingmen pass daily over the lines to and from their work on the fortifications. A large number of the heaviest pieces of artillery are being put in place, a great dock is under construction and the plan of defence permits of the absolute protection of a vast British fleet under the guns of the fortress. Contrary to the policy pursued in some other British fortifications, the soldiers in charge made no objection to an examination of the works by American naval officers and sailors and seemed rather proud of the strength of their position.

RELIEF FOR CUBANS

The Principal Topic of Discussion at the Meeting of President McKinley's Cabinet.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—To-day's Cabinet meeting was unusually brief. Secretaries Gage and Bliss being out of the city and Secretary Alger ill, only five members attended. The appeal to the American people for aid for the sufferers in Cuba was the principal topic of discussion. The President and all the members of the Cabinet are deeply interested in the relief project and have taken every means at the command of the administration to facilitate the extension of relief through the State Department here and Consul General Lee in Havana. It is expected that the first responses to the appeal will come from the large cities of the country and the belief is expressed that they will be both prompt and generous. Several departmental matters of minor importance also were brought to the President's attention.

J. W. Harris, a North Carolina negro, was arraigned in New York city yesterday on the charge of sending threatening letters to William K Vanderbilt, Charles Broadway Rouss, John Wanamaker and other prominent men. The letters demanded money under threat of personal violence. As no one appeared to prosecute, Harris was committed to the work house as a vagrant.

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CHINA AND THE POWERS

JAPAN WILL OPPOSE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF PORT ARTHUR.

Chinese Government Powerless—Arrival of British and Japanese Fleets at Port Hamilton—Military Party in Japan Eager For Action.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, December 28.—The German question is unsettled. China's difficulties are increasing, owing to the uncertainty of the attitude of the Powers. Germany's withdrawal from Kiao-Chou bay is said to be conditional upon her finding a suitable naval station elsewhere. China is becoming alarmed at the present situation. The Government appears to be utterly powerless. No answer has been received from Russia concerning the proposed loan. There are calamitous forebodings connected with the sun's eclipse on the Chinese new year's day.

LONDON, December 28.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the British fleet of over twenty warships has anchored off Port Hamilton.

The dispatch further says that a report is current at Chee Foo to the effect that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton.

LONDON, December 28.—A special dispatch from Shanghai, dated yesterday (Tuesday), says: "It is reported that a Japanese fleet of over twenty warships is waiting near Goto island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy, and the Chen Yuen, that was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron, under Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander-in-chief on the China station.

"Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese Diet was owing to the war spirit. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of reinforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian trans-Asiatic railway in Manchuria."

LONDON, December 29.—A dispatch to the Times from Kobe, Japan, says the dissolution of the Diet has greatly angered the political parties. It is probable that the Marquis Ito, former Premier, and Count Okuma, a former foreign minister, will form a coalition ministry, with a vigorous foreign policy. The military party is eager for action; extraordinary activity prevails at the military and naval depots, and war ships are assembling at Nagasaki.

LONDON, December 29.—The Paris correspondent of the Morning Post says:

"Russia has long been negotiating to raise a Chinese loan of 6,000,000 pounds sterling in France, to pay the indemnity and secure the Japanese evacuation of Wei-Hai-Wei. The negotiations were broken off owing to France insisting that the Bank of France should issue the loan and Russia declaring that the Russo-Chinese Bank should take the lead. A certain coolness now exists between France and Russia."

VIENNA, December 28.—The Neues Wiener Tageblatt claims that Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, foretold everything in his famous speech appealing to Europe to unite against America. It adds: "There is plenty of room for all, and if England will fight with the European Powers against those dangerous rivals, the United States and Japan, the proof of what united Europe is capable of will be given in Eastern Asia."

BOB FITZSIMMONS.

Will Fight Corbett and McCoy When They Establish the Right to Challenge the Champion.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 28.—Martin Julian to-day on behalf of Robert Fitzsimmons made the following signed statement: "Fitzsimmons will defend his right to the title of champion. Mrs. Fitzsimmons has released him from his promise of retirement."

Referring to the conditions on which Fitzsimmons will fight Corbett and McCoy, Julian's statement says: "These conditions are as follows: Let Corbett beat a man like Maher or Choynski and establish his right as a member of Bob's class; let McCoy beat his way up to a commanding position and come along with his children afterward. But first McCoy must fight a fit opponent at the middle-weight limit and not at catch-weights."

The statement concludes as follows: "I am not going to allow Mr. Fitzsimmons to accept offers from inferior men. When the proper time comes Fitzsimmons will meet them all, one after the other in the same ring if needs be.

(Signed) "MARTIN JULIAN."

NEW YORK, December 28.—"Kid" McCoy announced to-night that he had arranged to meet Al. Smith in this city to-morrow, and that he will then post $1 000 as a guarantee that he will meet any man named by Fitzsimmons. It is to meet Martin Julian's condition, announced in Chicago to day, that McCoy has arranged to-morrow's conference. He is anxious, he says, to find out who Fitzsimmons wants him to fight.

CINCINNATI, December 28.—James J. Corbett is playing an engagement here. When shown Julian's statement to-night on behalf of Fitzsimmons, as reported by the Associated Press from Chicago, he said: "I have very little to say. If I should beat Maher or Choynski I would only be advancing Fitzsimmons' reputation and leaving myself just where I am now, second to Bob Fitzsimmons. I will do nothing of the kind. Fitzsimmons is the only man I will fight. I shall follow his trail till I compel him to fight me. That's all I have to say.

LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE

Cutting Into Railroad Passenger Business in Ohio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, December 28.—President S. R. Callaway, of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, said to-day:

"For some time I have been trying to find the reason why, in spite of the fact that business is increasing, especially in the transportation of freight, the passenger business is languishing. After figuring on the matter for some time, we have come to the conclusion that the long-distance telephone is responsible. Business men are using it much more and the way it is cutting into our passenger business is a very serious matter to us."

AN EDGE TOOL TRUST.

A Consolidated Plant to be Established, Known as the American Axe and Tool Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 28.—Eighty per cent. of the edge tool manufacturers in the United States have consolidated their interests and have arranged for the erection of a new plant, near Charleroi, about forty miles south of this city on the Monongahela river. The concern will be known as the American Axe and Tool Company and will have a capital stock of $3 000 000 It will employ over 2 000 skilled workmen and the average weekly pay roll will amount to $1,000. The consolidated plant will be in operation within six months.

THE CUBAN REPUBLIC.

Insurgents Well Supplied with Provisions and Munitions of War—Pitiful Condition of Spanish Soldiers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 28.—A gentleman from Cuba who has been in Manzanillo in one of the so-called pacified provinces says that in reality the war has not begun there, for the country has been abandoned to insurgents who have built towns, which are supplied with abundant provisions from the neighboring estates, established by rebels, who manufacture gunpowder and have arms factories, tanneries and shoe factories, so they can supply their troops with these most indispensable articles. Spanish authority is not recognized and the inhabitants are comfortably settled under the authority of the Cuban republic. Occasionally the Spanish convoys pass over the high roads, but the insurgents go out and meet them and fighting occurs on the roads, the patriots always taking the offensive.

The poorer Spanish soldiers are in such condition that much sympathy is aroused, they being mostly boys; thin, pale and ill, and complaining of the wretched quality of their scanty rations and of not receiving any pay for months. Only very sick soldiers are admitted to the Spanish hospitals and others who are really ill are compelled to sleep in court yards, exposed to the weather. Their condition is pitiful in the extreme, arousing sympathy among the insurgents, who know that these mere lads have been conscripted and sent to fight them under conditions which no veteran troops would stand without mutiny. The Cuban Republic, he says, is a fact, and over a considerable part of the island its authority is felt.

ADVICES FROM KLONDIKE.

Recent Arrivals from Dawson City Report No Starvation There and the Relief Expedition Unnecessary.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SEATTLE, WASH., December 28.—The steamer Alki arrived to-day, bringing advices from Dawson City up to November 25th. The Alki's passengers included thirty persons who left Dawson City November 23d and 25th. All without exception say there will be no starvation at Dawson City this Winter or next Spring. When informed of the action being taken by the United States Government to send a relief expedition, they said it was unnecessary. Several thousand men have gone from Dawson to Fort Yukon, where there is an unlimited supply of provisions. Those remaining in Dawson have three regular meals every day, and have enough supplies in sight to last well along into Spring. No sickness is reported at Dawson, and everybody there is in much better circumstances and worrying less over the food situation than their friends on the outside imagine. Nearly all those who arrived on the Alki to-day were at Dawson City only about three months, having started in with the first rush in the latter part of July. They came out to purchase their outfits for next season.

A TEN-ROUND BOUT.

The Daly-Everhardt Fight at New Orleans—Referee Called It a Draw.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, December 28.—Jack Daly and Jack Everhardt met before the Tulane Avenue Athletic Club with about a thousand persons present, for a per centage of the receipts. The match was originally for twenty rounds, but the mayor would not issue a permit for over ten rounds and charged $500 for that. Everhardt said he had trained for twenty rounds and refused to go on until he secured an agreement that if both men were on their feet at the end of the ten rounds, the fight would be declared a draw. Everhardt tried to make it a rough and rushing fight from the start, but Daly was clever enough to keep away from punishment. Daly's left was weak, so that there was not much harm done until the seventh, when Daly learned to use his right and kept it going on the body. In the tenth round Daly's right did a rushing business on Everhardt's body and there was danger of a knockout. Then Everhardt clinched and wrestled and saved his skin until time was called and Referee Duffy declared it a draw.

CONFESSED HIS GUILT.

A Negro Who Murdered Two White Men and Was Lynched at Glendora, Miss.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MINTER CITY, MISS., December 28.—Joseph Hopkins, a negro, who murdered two white men on Christmas day at Glendora, a small town near this place, was captured by a posse at daylight this morning on the James plantation, near Swan Lake. Hopkins concealed himself in a gin house, but was discovered by two negroes, who gave the alarm. Hopkins fought like a demon before being taken into custody and when arrested it was found had been shot in three places during the melee. He was not fatally injured, however, and was at once taken to the scene of his terrible crime. Hopkins confessed his guilt and did not plead for mercy, but begged his captors to make quick work of him and little time was lost in carrying out the request. A note was placed about the negro's neck and he was hanged to a limb of a tree. The body was then riddled with bullets and left hanging. Hopkins' record is a very bad one, many recent crimes being attributed to him.

MARK HANNA'S CANDIDACY.

Prospects for a Lively Skirmish at the Meeting of the Ohio Legislature Next Week.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O., December 28.—Maj. Charles Dick arrived from Cleveland to-night to assume charge of Senator Hanna's personal interests in the Senatorial election. Mr. Hanna is not expected here before Sunday, and in the meantime Major Dick will shape affairs to combat as successfully as possible the opposition to his chief. Major Dick will have a corps of lieutenants to assist him, and the prospects are for a very lively skirmish.

But few of the members elect of the General Assembly have arrived and the majority probably will not come to the capital city until Friday, the day previous to the caucuses for the organization of the upper and lower houses. The list of members claimed by Charles L. Kurtz in opposition to Senator Hanna as given out to-night contains the names of two Senators and six Representatives, but Major Dick does not concede that any of these members will vote against Senator Hanna.

The New York Daily Dry Goods Record will print a revised estimate of the cotton crop of 1897-7, placing the estimate of the crop at 10,957,080 bales.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SIX LIVES WERE LOST.

Caused by a Falling Yard on the Ship Vanloo, Voyaging from Cardiff to St. Johns.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 28.—A special dispatch from Bermuda reports a terrible accident at sea on the ship Vanloo, in which six lives were lost.

The Vanloo, which is on a voyage from Cardiff to St. Johns, N. B., has put in there with loss of sails. She reports that on the 20th instant the foreyard suddenly parted and fell to the deck. A number of men were at work in the rigging at the time and others were on deck below. Of nine who were carried down by the falling yard, or were struck when it descended, three men were killed instantly, and three others who took the chances of escaping by jumping into the sea were drowned. Only the day before this accident one of the crew was killed by falling from aloft to the deck.

MILLS COMING SOUTH.

A Rhode Island Manufacturing Company Will Establish a Plant at Nashville.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—A dispatch to the Evening Post says: The British Hosiery Company, at Thornton, R. I., is making preparations to remove part of its business to the South. A plant is to be established at Nashville, Tenn., and a number of the operatives from Thornton will soon leave for that State, where they will be used as instructors to the new and inexperienced Southern colored employes. The management assert that the Southern plant will be used for cotton goods, and that the change is necessitated by the present condition of cotton manufacturing. The concern recently had much trouble with its employes and decided upon a lock-out, which was enforced for a day, when an agreement was reached.

LUETGERT MURDER TRIAL.

The Defence Hampered by Its Inability to Employ Stenographers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 28.—The stenographers employed by the defence in the Luetgert case have struck. They did not appear in court when the case was called to-day, and the defence may have to depend upon the notes taken by the State attorney's stenographers if it is found necessary to take the case to the Supreme Court.

Attorney Harmon, it is said, will ask the court to require the State to furnish the defence with a copy of the testimony each day, on the ground that Luetgert has no money to pay for stenographers, and that the life of the prisoner will be imperilled unless provision is made to protect his rights.

WARM WIRELETS.

Fire at Detroit, Mich., destroyed two large buildings and contents. The total loss is $195,000.

Veins of gilsonite, in sufficient size to warrant development, are reported to have been discovered on Willow Creek, in Middle Park, Colorado.

Colonel L. T. Moore, of Winchester Va., one of the most prominent lawyers in that section of the State, dropped dead in that city yesterday. He was 83 years of age.

A Havana dispatch says the official Gazette will publish a decree to-day establishing an autonomous government and administration for the island of Cuba from January 1st.

The Very Rev. William Corby, of Notre Dame, head of the Order of the Holy Cross in America, died yesterday at South Bend, Ind. He was the chaplain of the famous Irish Brigade in the Union army.

The Orange Free State has ratified the extradition treaty between that country and the United States, recently negotiated, and has returned the document to Washington where it awaits the action of the U. S. Senate.

The Supreme Court of California, after having heard the matter argued in chambers, denied the application of the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, for a writ of probable cause.

The proprietors of the Mayer Bros.' pottery, at Beaver Falls, Pa., have announced to their 350 operators that the wage cut of 1894, of 12½ per cent., had been restored to them, thus making an advance of 14½ per cent. on their wages.

Adlai E. Stevenson, former Vice President of the United States, has accepted the position of western counsel of the American Trust Company of New York city, with a membership in the board of directors.

The Pensacola pilot boat Somners N. Smith was seized yesterday by the Treasury Department. Late in the afternoon a gang of negroes was transferring her coal from one bunker to another in search of contraband goods.

The Constantinople correspondent of the London Times says that at the last meeting of the ambassadors of the Powers the Russian representative created surprise by proposing Prince George of Greece as Governor of Crete. The proposal was coldly received.

The British steamer Strathnevis, Hamburg for Philadelphia, was towed into Delaware breakwater by the British steamer Strathlay from Norfolk for Cardiff. The Strathnevis lost her propeller and has been towed three hundred miles by the Strathlay.

At Kansas City, Mo., yesterday, a crowd of men and boys chased a negro murderer through the business section, running him to cover in a pile of dry goods boxes. The negro James Reed, fired four bullets into the body of his mistress, Susie Blakeley, of whom he was jealous, killing her instantly.

Owing to the failure of the Premier, Marquis Salgo, to reconstruct the Japanese cabinet, all the members of that body have resigned. The newspapers demand the formation of a very strong ministry, capable of coping with the situation in the East.

The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed in North Carolina:—Abbottsburg, John S Cain; Colerain, George Askew; Edwardsville, Cora A. McCann; Mars Hill, George G. Tillery; Olymbia, David S. Holton; Shull's Mills, Mrs. L. P. Robbins.

One Eye on Him.

A gentleman who had a glass eye went to India. When he got there, he engaged a number of servants. The duty of one of these servants was to fan his master through the night. These fanners—punkah wallahs as they are called—usually do their work very badly. This gentleman knew of this. One day while he was out walking he was much amused to hear his fanner and another one talking. The fanner said:

"Ah, my master is a sly fox! When he goes to bed, he takes out one of his eyes and lays it on the table to watch me. Therefore I am obliged to go on fanning all night till the other eye opens."—Strand Magazine.

The Privilege of Peers.

There is a curious case in Fortescue's "Reports" relating to the privilege of peers, in which the bailiff who arrested a lord was forced by the court to kneel down and ask his pardon, though he alleged that he had acted by mistake, for that his lordship had a dirty shirt, a wornout suit of clothes and only sixpence in his pocket, so that he could not believe that he was a peer, and arrested him through inadvertance.—Green Bag.

Rastus' Birthday.

In the northern part of Georgia I came upon a negro cabin, and, as I approached, it became evident that some extraordinary commotion was going on within. In fact, shouts and yells of terror succeeded one another so rapidly that I hastened to see what could be the trouble.

As I drew rein before the door half a dozen ragged pickaninnies ran out. All but one of them were screaming and crying at the tops of their voices, while the odd one, as merry as the others were sad, began tumbling cartwheels and standing on his head. At this moment a man, evidently the head of the household, appeared in the doorway, and in answer to my inquiries gave me the following explanation of the mystery:

"Yer see, sah, dis is 'Rastus' birfday," indicating the one whose joyful antics I have just mentioned. "Now, I'ze powerful hard up jes' at presen' an didn't hab no money ter celebrate in de usual way. An it jes' bruk me all up ter see de res' habin jes' as much fun on 'Rastus' birfday as 'Rastus was habin hisself. So, times bein so hard, de only way I could see was ter gib der res' all a lickin, an dat kinder raises 'Rastus up ober de odders."

A quarter flung to 'Rastus proved a charm that raised him still higher and dried the tears of the others in an instaut. Happier children than these same pickaninnies as I rode away, a moment later, it would be hard to find.—Youth's Companion.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Professor O. C. Cogan, the world's Champion Funambulist, will carry a boy, dance, run and sing, and challenges any man to pull him off a slender wire stretched across Cape Fear river, on New Year's Day, 1898. Terms $1.00 a side. Day, performance commences 10 o'clock; night, commences 8 o'clock. de 9 it

On account of a change in the business and before taking stock, the Atlantic Tea Company will sell at cost any of their fine Teas, Coffees, Spices, or Crockery and Glassware. Give them a call, at 818 North Fourth street. de29 tf

Money made and time saved by new process for parching peanuts. I can roast large quantities at a time. It will pay you to let me roast for you. Write for particulars. A. E. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. de 23 tf

Ladies wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z., Box 89, Philadelphia. de 18 DAW tf

Tonsorial Parlor—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair cut 20 cents, shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents, Wm. Tienken, 17 Princess street. de 17 1m

A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectioneries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavionichols, 705 North Fourth street, Bell 'Phone 346, Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed, Lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 92. Inter-State Phone No. 92. de 9 tf

For best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

Where can I ship country produce to the best advantage is a question that is puzzling you. Settle it by shipping to L. Tate Bowden, 6 Princess street. Careful handling and prompt returns. Eggs for the city trade. no 30 tf

Country Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, etc., to H. J. Bierman, Produce Commission Merchant, 105 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

Hayden, F. M., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 25 tf

Photographs—For finest quality, latest styles, best material, finest finish, lowest prices, call on U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. Cloudy weather makes no difference. oc 20 tf

Always Reliable—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candles, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 115 Second street. Phone 208. sep 21 tf

Onward, March!

Is the command given to the manufacturers of Stoves, and right nobly they have obeyed it. There is scarcely a better Stove in the market than the

Magic Air Tight or the Regal Franklin.

Perhaps there is none better, and we won't take time to enlarge on their merit.

Our PENINSULAR STEEL RANGE and NEW PROCESS OIL HEATER are still in the lead.

Holiday present seekers will find it to their interest to give us a call before making their purchases. A full line of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Prune Knives, &c.

J. W. Murchison,

Orton Building, Wilmington, N. C. de 19 tf

Liverpool and American SALT.

Any weight sacks, coarse or fine, fresh packing. A large stock

Bagging and Ties,

which we offer at lowest market prices.

Groceries

in quantities sufficient to fill orders promptly. Correspondence solicited.

Hall & Pearsall,

Nutt and Mulberry streets. au 16 DAW tf

WORTH & WORTH

OFFER FOR SALE

Finest Seed Oats

handled in years.

Flour, Bacon, Sugar,

Lard, Molasses,

MEAL, SALT, LIME, CEMENT,

Plaster, Hay, Corn, Hoop Iron,

OATS, RIVETS, GLUE,

Bagging and Ties

AT Low Prices.

no 7 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Frank H. Stedman,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Fire and Tornado Insurance.

Your business is solicited and

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

OFFICE AT

Wilmington Savings & Trust Company.

Telephone No. 162 de 3 tf

Notice.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Maunder, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier et al. are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover, aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 87 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 30 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 407, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. ORRELL, Commissioner.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. dec 19 30t

FOR RENT.

TWO HOUSES ON SIXTH BETween Dock and Orange. Modern improvements.

House on Dock between Seventh and Eighth Sts.
House on Eighth between Market and Princess streets. Modern improvements.
House on Princess between Ninth and Tenth streets.
House on Third between Walnut and Red Cross streets.
Two Stores on Water street.
Store corner Fourth and Nun streets.
House on Princess between Fifth and Sixth streets. Modern improvements.
House on Second between Dock and Orange streets with ten rooms.

Apply to D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent. de 15 tf

Money to Lend.

THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE EIGHTH SERIES OF THE N. C. Home Building Association

is payable on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st., and all who desire stock should secure it at once.

Any one desiring to borrow money on easy terms should avail themselves of this opportunity. Money lent either on Stock of the Association or Real Estate.

Frank H. Stedman, Secretary and Treasurer. dec 3 tf

WANTED,

Immediate shipments of

Coon, O'Possum, Fox, Mink, Otter and other Fur.

Highest cash prices paid for same. No commission or freight charged.

SAM'L BEAR, Sr., 12 Market St., Wilmington, N. C. de 18 tf

NOTICE!

FIFTY HEAD OF

Horses and Mules

Just received to-day, and you bet your life you can buy them cheap this week. Don't miss this chance.

F. T. MILLS, de 24 tf 113 and 114 North Water St.

Free Silver.

100 Cases (5c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases (10c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases Good Luck Powder.
25 Cases Rex Powder.
25 Cases Blue Ribbon Powder.
25 Cases Horsford's.

We ship at lowest delivered prices in quantities.

W. B. COOPER, Wholesale Grocer, D&W dec 19 tf Wilmington, N. C.

For Rent.

HOUSE ON NINTH BETWEEN Church and Castle streets. Four rooms water and good yard room in rear.

D. O'CONNOR, oc 7 tf

D. O'Connor,

REAL ESTATE AGENT, WILmington, N. C. Stores, Offices and Dwellings for rent. Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, taxes and insurance attended to promptly. Money loaned on improved city real estate. sep 6 tf

Printer Wanted.

A young man who has had experience as compositor on daily papers, and who has good recommendations, may secure a situation as Two-Thirder by applying promptly at the STAR OFFICE. de 19 3t

A. D. BROWN,

Successor to BROWN & RODDICK,

No. 29 North Front St.

"ONE PRICE TO ALL" has been our motto since 1865, and we attribute our success to the unswerving adherance to it. We will not break price for any one. Some times we have goods that stay too long with us and then we cut the price and offer them to every one at GREAT SACRIFICE.

A Few Specialties.

Crash Towelling worth 5 cents at 3 cents per yard.
Novelty Dress Goods worth 50 cents at 40 cents per yard.
Drap Ete Dress Goods worth $1.25 at $1.00 per yard.
New line Percales at 12½ cents per yard.

Christmas Goods.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Bric a-Brac, Neckwear, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves, Parasols and Umbrellas Call and see our line.

This Week

Gentlemen's heavy Grey Underwear worth $1 50, only 98c each.
Gentlemen's All Wool (light weight) Underwear in Ecru worth $1.25, only 98c each.
Ladies' light weight Vests and Pants, only 98c each.
Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard,
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
A good Brussels Carpet for 55 cents per yard.

de 25 tf

Christmas Festivities

Are enhanced for both old and young by the firelight's cheerful warmth and glow. Imagine what a dreary yuletide celebration it would be without a good fire made from our

BANNER COAL,

that is without slag or slate, and will either roast your turkey or disseminate its cheerful warmth over your home in first-class style.

Coal for household and kitchen use is not half as expensive as wood.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Bell Telephones 64 and 94. Inter-State 146. de 21 tf

J. A. SPRINGER & CO

OURS IS NOT ESPECIALLY THANKSGIVING Coal nor Christmas Coal.

Better still, it is every day COAL, seven days to the week; particularly adapted to good cold weather, such as we are likely to have from this time on.

For high grade Hard Coal, both Red Ash and White Ash, in Egg Stove, Furnace and Range sizes, well screened and promptly delivered; also, for Tennessee Lump Coal. Your orders respectfully solicited. Our Coal will not only cook turkey in great shape, but is equally as good for cooking hog and hominy.

J A Springer & Co de 19 tf

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

No. 9 North Front St.

We Boast of the Greatest Values We Offer

Never More Worthy Than Now.

STORE NOTES.

Is your thought on Lace Curtains? We can embody it for you here. Carpet stock now at its best! It's a busy spot at this writing. Got the parasols cock into shape; pleased to have you make your selections. Do you buy Dress Linings here? We're equipped to serve you satisfactory linings at satisfactory prices. Here's a notion and ribbon stock to be proud of. They're little things, but little things count in this shop.

WE'RE PROUD OF OUR KID GLOVE STOCK.

We never lose a customer who once buys Kid Gloves here. We sell more Kid Gloves than all the rest of Wilmington combined. There are, of course, reasons for all this. But we will only mention one of them to-day: Our Ladies' Do'ler Kid Gloves. Lace and Buttons all warranted.

JACKETS AND CAPES ALWAYS

Quantities of them. Some going out; some coming in. We're cloak traders here from A to Z. Know where, when, what and how to buy; and best of all, know how to sell to the satisfaction of our customers. No "lo gest ever" profits here; against our business principles. Fresh lots of to notch garments for you to pick from. Your dollars have great purchasing power in this store. $2 00 to $25.00.

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.

We're busy in this stock nearly all the time; the department gets fresh impetus from such items as these. Some wonder how it's done; others wonder why it does. The how and the why matters little. The fact of its being done is sufficient for money-saving buyers. The best 25 cents Hose in the city.

Sole Agents for the Standard Patterns and W. B. Corsets. de 12 tf

Balance of Stock of Christmas Goods Less Than Cost.

Parties buying Presents for Christmas Entertainments will do well to see us.

THE GRREATEST BARGAINS IN CAPES.

$ 3.00	PLUSH CAPES,		$2 25
5.00	"	"	3 00
7.50	"	"	4.25
10 00	"	"	6 50

CAPES, Trimmed with Braid and Fur, 50c up

J. H. REHDER & CO., de 28 tf NEAR FOURTH STREET BRIDGE.

STATEMENT OF ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 15th, 1897, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$587,284 69	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	63 88	Surplus	25,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	55,000 00	Undivided profits	30,404 01— 75 404 01
Banking House and Fixtures	1,000 00	Circulation	49,950 00
Due from other Banks	219,326 87	Total Deposits	660,091 50
Cash on hand	66,304 10—287,692 97		
Total	$940,595 59	Total	$940 595 59

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 15, '95.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, '97.
Surplus and Net Profits	$52,000	$62,400	$75.400
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.
Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. de 24 tf

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of same before the Holidays are over. A word to the wise is sufficient.

MYERS & LEWIS, de 19 tf N. E. Corner Front and Market Streets.